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NEW YORK: The week began with a mixture of clouds, wind, and cold with a few breaks of sunshine. A heavy rain and elevation snowstorm returned mid-week slowing spring planting activities. In the Long Island Grape Region, cooler weather meant the vines were less exposed to damage. It is rare in the Lake Ontario Fruit Region for any green showing on any apple buds. They are already one week behind last season. Maple syrup producers continued cleaning and storing equipment for the year. Apples, onions, and potatoes continued moving from storage to market. Other major activities include spring pruning of fruit trees, tending livestock, and mending damaged fencing and machinery equipment.